Calling Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance

(*i*) *re : Private Operators to be permitted to run bus service in Bangalore, Gulbarga and Belgaum.*

Sri B. SATYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—Madam, I call the attention of the Minister for Labour to the reported statement of Labour Minister regarding private operators to be permitted to run bus service in Bangalore, Gulbarga and Belgaum.

Sri AZEEZ SAIT.—I state as follows : —

An article appeared in the Press on 20th May 1972 to the effect that the State Government has prepared proposal for consideration of the Cabinet to allow Private Operators to ply their buses on the routes of Bangalore Transport Service in Bangalore City. When the attention of the Minister for Transport was drawn to this article, the Minister clarified that he has only been thinking about allowing Private Operators to operate buses along with the Mysore State Road Transport Corporation Buses on B.T.S. routes as in the case of Delhi and that the report that he had taken a decision in the matter was not correct. Subsequently the Minister went to Delhi and studied the arrangements at Delhi. It was found that the system of operation of private buses along with the buses of State Transport Undertaking at Delhi is not working satisfactorily. On further consideration of the matter the idea of allowing the Private Operators to ply buses on B.T.S routes has been given up.

(*ii*) *re : Nationalisation of short distance bus routes*

Sri B. SATYANARAYANA SINGH.—Madam, I call the attention of the Minister for Labour to the reported statement of Labour Minister regarding nationalisation of short distance bus routes.

Sri AZEEZ SAIT.—I state as follows :—

An article appeared in the Press on 15th June 1972 to the effect that Government have taken a policy decision that all short distance bus routes which are not yet nationalised will be nationalised.

The Government has not taken any such decision as reported in the press.

In the nationalisation schemes prepared by the Mysore State Road Transport Corporation in the past some small contiguous areas have not been nationalised and in these areas private operators are operating. The operation of private buses in the small areas, contiguous to nationalised area is not conducive to the operation of M.S.R.T.C. buses in the nationalised area. It was thought that it would be advisable to nationalise small areas so that the Mysore State Road Transport Corporation could provide efficient, adequate, economical and properly

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co-ordinated Road Transport Services. According to the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, the Mysore State Road Transport Corporation is the competent authority to prepare schemes for nationalising transport services. The schemes after approval by Government will become operative. If the Mysore State Road Transport Corporation decides to Nationalise Transport Services in the small contiguous areas it will have to prepare schemes and send it to Government. The suggestion to Nationalise the Transport Services in the small contiguous areas will be placed before the Mysore State Road Transport Corporation for its consideration.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Sri Gopinath R. Sandra's call attention motion cannot be taken up as he is absent. The House will now adjourn and re-assemble on Monday at One of the Clock.

The House adjourned at Fifty Minutes Past Two of the Clock to meet again at One of the Clock on Monday, the 17th July 1972.

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